

the development of Gir and for ecodevelopment in its vicinity. The funds provided so far during the VIII plan are as follows :

Name of Scheme	Rs. in lakhs
(i) Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries	17.10
(ii) Eco-development around National Parks and Sanctury.	16.480

[Translation]

Building for Cooperative Banks

2218. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Cooperative Banks in Uttar Pradesh not housed in Government buildings, and

(b) the measures proposed to be taken by the Government to provide Government buildings to Zila Sahakari Banks particularly in Lalitpur District and also to ensure that there is no violation of the agreements already signed between the landlords and these banks?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and a Statement will be laid on the Table of the House.

Smuggling of Wildlife Articles

2219. SHRI RAM SAGAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that wildlife articles are being smuggled out from the country, particularly from Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh to China, Nepal and other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government to check the smuggling of wildlife articles.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of wildlife articles being smuggled out of the country which were seized in the last 1 year by the Regional Deputy Directors of Wildlife of this Ministry located at Delhi, Calcutta, Mumbai and Madras, are given in the Statement enclosed.

(c) The action taken to check the smuggling of wildlife articles include :

(i) Hunting of wild animals included in

Schedules I to IV of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, has been banned by law.

(ii) Special measures for protection and conservation of tiger, elephants and rhinos and their habitat are being implemented.

(iii) A network of 441 wildlife sanctuaries and 80 National Parks covering 1,48,000 sq. km. has been set up for conservation of wild flora and fauna. Financial assistance is provided by the Central Government for development of national parks and sanctuaries on request from the State Governments.

(iv) This Ministry has set up a National Coordination Committee consisting of representative of all major enforcement organisations such as: Customs, Revenue intelligence, CBI, Police, BSF, ITBP, RPF and foreign Post Office, Traffic-India and Wildlife authorities to enable effective inter-departmental cooperation and coordination to deal with the problem of illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products.

(v) Training programmes on enforcement and implementation of wildlife and other related laws and international conventions have been organised for all the enforcement agencies in February and November, 1995.

(vi) Raids are carried out by the wildlife authorities, in cooperation with other enforcement agencies if necessary, whenever information of illegal trading in wildlife is received.

(vii) India is a signatory to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) under which international trade in endangered species and their parts and derivatives is strictly regulated.

(viii) Rewards are given to informers for gathering intelligence regarding illegal trade and smuggling of wildlife products.

(ix) A Committee set up by this Ministry to look into issues related to illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products has recommended specific measures to deal with this problem and these are being followed up with the States for implementation.

(x) Regional and Sub-regional offices of Wildlife Preservation have been set-up mostly at the main export centres of the country to prevent illegal trade and smuggling of wildlife products.

STATEMENT

List of Seizures made by Regional Dy. Directors of Wildlife located at Delhi, Calcutta, Mumbai and Madras during last one Year

S.No.	Item seized	
1.	Wild animal skins	252 kg
2.	Lizard skin	1
3.	Crocodile skin	5
4.	Gharial skin	1
5.	Squirrel skin	2
6.	Zebra skin (finished)	2
7.	Monitor lizard skin	2
8.	Hid of Elk deer	1
9.	Fur items of fox and jackal	448
10.	Horn of wild animals	6
11.	Deer skin article	1
12.	Deer antler/article made therefrom	25.7 Kg + 21517
13.	Porcupine quilts	2750 gms
14.	Mongoose hair article	28.16 kg + 3712
15.	Wild bird feathers	7.395 kg.
16.	Peacock Tail Feather	11.2 kg. + 3905
17.	Fur	2016 kg.
18.	Ivory article	11.14 kg. + 34 nos
19.	Dolphin Jaw bone	1
20.	Preserved butterfly	267

Productivity of Livestock and Dairying

2220. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE :
SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL :
SHRI DHARMA BIKSHAM :

Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state

(a) the steps/schemes taken by the Government for increasing the productivity of the livestock and dairying during the last three years. State-wise;

(b) the achievements made during the said period. State-wise;

(c) the assistance provided by the Government for this purpose during the said period;

(d) the steps taken to transfer the new technologies developed by ICAR and other research institutes to livestock and dairy sectors and also to develop the

requisite infrastructure to achieve the desired objectives; and

(e) the schemes prepared in this regard for the Ninth Five Year Plan, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Besides the State Governments programmes, the Government of India has been implementing various schemes for increasing the production and productivity of the Livestock and Dairying. A list of such schemes is given in the Statement-I enclosed.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(c) The assistance provided by the Government of India to the States under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme during the years 1993-94 to 1995-96 is given in the Statement-II enclosed.

(d) The new technologies developed by ICAR are being transferred through Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Trainer's Training Centres, Lab to Land programmes and Operational Research Projects of various Institutes. The infrastructures required for the transfer of Technologies appropriately have been strengthened.

(e) The Scheme proposals for the 9th Plan are under consideration.

STATEMENT-I*List of Centrally Sponsored Schemes***A. Animal Husbandry**

1. Extension of Frozen Semen Technology and Progeny Testing Programme.
2. Assistance to States for Feed and Fodder Development.
3. National Project on Rinderpest Eradication.
4. Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases.
5. Professional Efficiency Development
6. Assistance to States for improvement of abattoirs/ Establishment of carcass utilisation centres and Primary Flaying Units.
7. Integrated Sample Survey for Estimation of Major Livestock Production in the State/UTs and Strengthening of animal husbandry statistics cell at Headquarters.
8. National Bull Production Programme.
9. National Ram/Buck Production Programme and Programme for Rabbit Development.
10. Development of Pack Animals.
11. Assistance to States for Integrated Piggery Development.